Chief Information Officer

Advisory

August 9, 2007

To: Distribution

Subject: Review of Draft Interim Enterprise IT Security Policy
                 and Draft Montana Enterprise IT Security Architecture

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The draft **Interim Enterprise IT Security Policy** and the associated draft **Montana Enterprise IT Security Architecture** are available for your review.

This draft interim policy and draft architecture have been developed to immediately address the need to provide, promote and support enterprise information technology (IT) security requirements. Such requirements are necessary to develop and implement new security technologies and solutions in the State of Montana enterprise IT architecture; solutions that may have great impact on IT in Montana government.

Currently over-arching IT security policies, standards and published architecture do not exist; yet IT security is a critical part of the business of IT. As a result:

- The draft policy is *interim*, developed with an abbreviated process.

- The architecture is draft.

- The policy has a general review date of twelve months from effective date, and will be brought back for full review and consideration not later than that date. The policy also has specific effective dates for individual requirements, allowing a more timely and realistic implementation on a per-requirement basis.

- Deficiencies may be identified in this policy during its interim life, and those will be addressed not later than the follow-on consideration and review.

The remaining process steps for these documents are:

- Formal review (now)

- Document and publish comments

- Determine disposition based on comments

- CIO approval of the resultant policy and architecture

Please review this draft policy and architecture, and feedback specific comments to include <u>your best estimate of the impact of these</u> upon your organization, business and customer base not later than close of business Friday, August 31, 2007.

Comments may be submitted on the policy comment web page at: <u>http://itsd.mt.gov/policy/policies/comments.asp</u>, or emailed to <u>ITPolicy@mt.gov</u>

This policy falls under the provisions of the Montana Information Technology Act (2-17-505, MCA) that states the Department (of Administration) "…shall establish and enforce statewide information technology policies and standards".

Please address any questions or concerns to:

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